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In re the Application of: **NOSE, Masaki**

Group Art Unit: **2624**

Serial No.: **09/736,317**

Examiner: **James A. Thompson**

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**FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSOR, AND STORAGE
MEDIUM THEREOF**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 24, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **July 29, 2004**, extended to **November 29, 2004** by a **one-month** Petition for Extension of Time, entry of the following amendments and remarks, further examination, and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a substitute abstract and amended drawing figures 4 and 15 are attached following page 12 of this paper.